



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly takes pride in recognizing
3 the accomplishments and contributions of Illinois officials
4 and citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator James Peyton "Pate" Philip became Senate
6 President in 1993; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Philip started his political career in
8 1965 as York Township Auditor, was elected to the Illinois
9 House of Representatives in 1966, and served there until 1974,
10 when he was elected to the Illinois Senate; in the Senate, he
11 served as Minority Leader from 1981 until he was elected Senate
12 President in 1993, and he was re-elected Senate President in
13 1995, 1997, 1999, and 2001; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Philip served as Chairman of the DuPage
15 County Republican Central Committee for just under 34 years;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Philip is recognized for his work to
18 increase public access to the legislative process, improve our
19 schools, streamline government, hold the line on taxes, and
20 improve the State's job climate; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Philip ably served the changing needs of
22 DuPage County through three decades of public service as
23 farmland and woodlands became subdivisions and bustling
24 commercial centers; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Philip brought the concerns of DuPage
26 County and his constituents to the legislature, bringing water
27 system improvements, flood control, and other infrastructure
28 projects to the suburbs; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Philip protected DuPage County, his
2 constituents, and other suburban counties from the burden of
3 excessive property tax increases; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Philip is a lifelong resident of DuPage
5 County, where he is active in numerous civic and charitable
6 organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1989, the Illinois General Assembly
8 appropriated \$10 million to the Illinois Department of Natural
9 Resources for the acquisition of Tri-County State Park, where
10 the goal was to blend the forest, marshland, and grasslands of
11 DuPage County's Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve to the
12 south with the newly purchased conservation lands to the north;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In 1991, the Illinois Department of Natural
15 Resources developed the Tri-County State Park Native
16 Vegetation Restoration Plan to guide preliminary restoration
17 activities at the site; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1995, plans began for the construction of the
19 new Region 2 Illinois Department of Natural Resources
20 headquarters and the Tri-County State Park Visitor Center;
21 construction began in the fall of 2000, and the park opened to
22 the public in April of 2003; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Philip is an avid outdoorsman, whose
24 support for conservation and love of outdoor sports and
25 recreation is legendary; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
28 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we rename the Tri-County State Park
29 located in DuPage, Kane, and Cook counties, with its
30 headquarters at 3 South 580 Naperville Road in Wheaton, in

1 honor of James "Pate" Philip; and in implementing this honor,
2 we designate the park as the James "Pate" Philip State Park and
3 designate the park's visitor's center as the James "Pate"
4 Philip State Park Visitor Center; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this preamble and
6 resolution be presented to Senator James "Pate" Philip, the
7 Director of the Department of Natural Resources, the President
8 of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, and the Board
9 of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage
10 County.